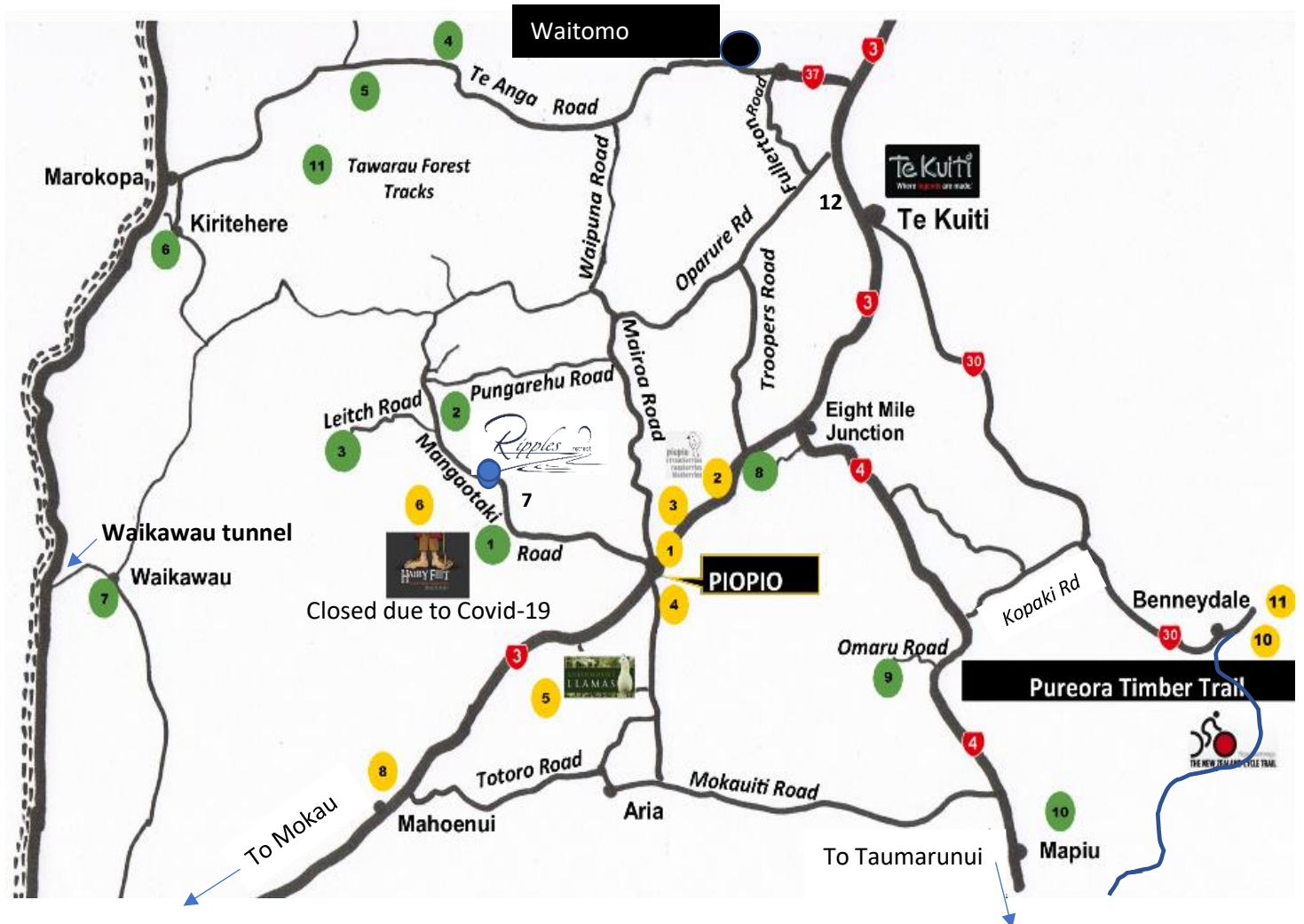




Activities, walks and scenic drives around Ripples

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Attractions and Activities

1. Piopio Craft shop
2. Piopio Aria golf club
3. Piopio Berry Orchard
4. Piopio Museum
5. Greenmount Llama treks
6. Hairy Feet Waitomo
7. Trout fishing
8. Trout fishing
10. Timber Cycle trail
11. Pa Harakeke
12. Frisbee Golf. Brook park maps at <https://www.newzealanddiscgolf.org.nz/courses>
select Te Kuiti. Buy frisbees at The Warehouse Rora St Te Kuiti

Hikes and Walks

1. Mangatiki Scenic Reserve – easy loop walk.
2. Waitanguru Falls -quick bush walk. **Highly recommend.**
3. Leitch's track and hut – 6hrs return
4. Mangapohue Natural Bridge – easy loop walk
5. Marokopa Falls - 30m falls over a fault line
6. Kiritehere beach - low tide access to uplifted rocks
7. Waikawau Tunnel – Old cattle access tunnel to beach
8. Frederick Memorial – 50mins return. Great views and steep track
9. Omaru —Falls – Scenic walk to spectacular falls 1.5hrs
10. Mapara Wildlife- reserve home to rare Kokako. 1 hour loop track.

Recommended day trips

Below is but a small choice of what you could do at Ripples and the Waitomo District.

At Ripples Lazy day, Free Activities

Ripples is all about doing as much or as little as you like. You can sit back, put your feet up and snuggle into the outdoor swing chair or sunny indoor window seat. Snooze, read a book or reconnect with loved ones surrounded by the tranquil views. Draw a relaxing bath, kayak, swim or laze on the sea biscuit in the river, or pick up your rod and try to catch a trout. Play a game of Petanque or Giant Jenga, then take a stroll at dusk along a quiet country road. Finally finish off your day with an el fresco BBQ.

Day 1: Close to Ripples Free Activities

Take your time in the morning and enjoy Ripples then drive 5 minutes further up the road to the Waitanguru Falls. After which travel 20 minutes back into Piopio for a yummy lunch at The Fat Pigeon. On the way back to Ripples stop at the Mangaotaki Reserve, (just across the bridge). Take this short bush walk and then walk up the road 300m and you will find the secret local swimming hole, Slippery Rock. The hidden track is on the river side of the road located between two gravel pulloff carparks.

Day 2: Within 40 minutes Fuller day, Free activities

You can still do the above but add in a game of Frisbee golf at Brook Park in Te Kuiti (you are welcome to use our frisbees just please bring them back) or purchase some from The Warehouse in Te Kuiti. Buy lunch at either Bosco's \$\$ (in front of Brook Park SH3) in Te Kuiti or we recommend the local bakery \$ on Rora st near the shearing statue. Heading back to Piopio take a detour up SH4 to the scenic Omaru Falls walk.

Day 3: 45 -55 Minutes Half or full day, \$\$

Take a drive out to Waitomo village and experience one of the many activities to be had, from caving, black water rafting, zipline etc you can easily spend a full day here. Finish off your day with a meal at Stoked in Te Kuiti or in Piopio at the Night Owl.

Day 4 and 5: Full Day \$\$ or free

Take a scenic drive to any of a number of beautiful places from the 3 sisters down South of Mokau (tidal) or go North to the often photographed Marokopa Falls and close by Natural Bridge. Stop in summer for a berry icecream and the best berries in NZ at the Piopio Orchard. As you can see from the map you can do quite a few loop roads however be mindful that many of our back roads coming back to Ripples are gravel and narrow. See www.piopio.net.nz for more drives.

Day 6: Cycling Full day \$\$ or free

The Ongaruru end of the Pureora Timber Trail is just over 1 hour away and has shuttle services to either the middle 45kms or the start 85kms.

Day 7: Jetboat to The Bridge to Nowhere. \$\$ Jetboat the Wanganui gorge down from Taumarunui (just over 1hr from Ripples) to the Bridge to Nowhere. Amazing scenery and fascinating history which makes for a great day trip. www.taumarunuicanohire.co.nz